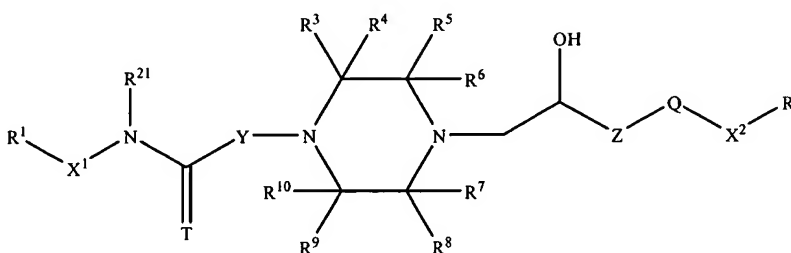


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application. For the Examiner's convenience a complete listing of all claims incorporating the amendments made herein is attached as Appendix B.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is ~~aryl or heteroaryl~~ chosen from the group consisting of indolyl, indazolyl, isoxazolyl, quinolyl, thiazolyl, carbazolyl, thiadiazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiazolyl, and benzimidazolyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from acetyl, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, halogen substituted alkyl, phenyl, and phenyl substituted with ~~acetyl, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, or halogen substituted alkyl~~ CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>2</sup> is benzoxazolyl or benzothiazolyl ~~heteroaryl~~ optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from ~~acetyl, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, halogen substituted alkyl, phenyl, and phenyl substituted with acetyl, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, or CF<sub>3</sub>~~ halogen substituted alkyl

X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond, or -(CR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>)<sub>p</sub>-, in which R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> are independently hydrogen, hydroxy, lower alkyl, or -C(O)OR<sup>17</sup>, in which R<sup>17</sup> is hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl, or phenyl substituted with alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, or CF<sub>3</sub> ~~or optionally substituted phenyl~~, and p is 1, 2 or 3; with the proviso that when p is 1, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> cannot be hydroxy;

R<sup>21</sup> is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

T is oxygen or sulfur;

Y and Z are -(CR<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup>)<sub>q</sub>- and q at each occurrence is 1, 2 or 3, in which R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> at each occurrence is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, and R<sup>10</sup> at each occurrence are hydrogen, lower alkyl, or -C(O)R; in which R is -OR<sup>11</sup> or -NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are hydrogen or lower alkyl; or

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup>, when taken together with the carbon to which they are attached, represent carbonyl;

Q is oxygen, sulfur, or -NR<sup>20</sup>-, in which R<sup>20</sup> is hydrogen or optionally substituted lower alkyl;

X<sup>2</sup> is a covalent bond or -(CR<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup>)<sub>q</sub>- wherein q at each occurrence is 1, 2 or 3, and R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> at each occurrence is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and with the proviso that when X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond and Y is -(CR<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup>)<sub>q</sub>- in which q is 1 and R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> are hydrogen, then R<sup>1</sup> is not optionally substituted phenyl.

2. Cancelled

3. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, and R<sup>10</sup> at each occurrence are hydrogen and R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or methyl.

4. (Original) The compound of claim 3, wherein Q and T are both oxygen and X<sup>2</sup> is a covalent bond.

5. (Original) The compound of claim 4, wherein R<sup>21</sup> is hydrogen, Y is methylene or ethylene, and Z is methylene.

6. Cancelled

7. Cancelled

8. Cancelled

9. Cancelled

10. Cancelled

11. Cancelled

12. Cancelled

13. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~12~~1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 4-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazol-2-yl, R<sup>2</sup> is 2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yl, R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, and X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond, namely 2-{4-[(2R)-2-hydroxy-3-(2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yloxy)propyl]piperazinyl}-N-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)]acetamide.

14. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~12~~1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 4-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazol-2-yl, R<sup>2</sup> is 2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yl, R<sup>5</sup> is methyl, and X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond, namely 2-{4-[(2R)-2-hydroxy-3-(2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yloxy)propyl]-3-methylpiperazinyl}-N-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)]acetamide.

15. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~12~~1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 9-ethylcarbazol-3-yl, R<sup>2</sup> is 2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yl, R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, and X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond, namely 2-{4-[(2R)-2-hydroxy-3-(2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yloxy)propyl]piperazinyl}-N-(9-ethylcarbazol-3-yl)acetamide.

16. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~12~~1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 6-quinolyl, R<sup>2</sup> is 2-phenylbenzoxazol-5-yl, R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, and X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond, namely 2-{4-[(2R)-2-hydroxy-3-(2-phenylbenzoxazol-5-yloxy)propyl]piperazinyl}-N-(6-quinolyl)acetamide.

17. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~12~~1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 8-quinolyl, R<sup>2</sup> is 2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yl, R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, and X<sup>1</sup> is a covalent bond, namely 2-{4-[(2R)-2-hydroxy-3-(2-methylbenzothiazol-5-yloxy)propyl]piperazinyl}-N-(8-quinolyl)acetamide.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a disease state chosen from diabetes, damage to skeletal muscles resulting from trauma or shock and a cardiovascular disease selected from the group consisting of atrial arrhythmia, intermittent claudication, ventricular arrhythmia, Prinzmetal's (variant) angina, stable angina, unstable angina, congestive heart disease, and myocardial infarction in a mammal by administration of a therapeutically effective dose of a compound of claim 1.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the disease state is a cardiovascular disease selected from atrial arrhythmia, intermittent claudication, ventricular arrhythmia, Prinzmetal's (variant) angina, stable angina, unstable angina, congestive heart disease, and myocardial infarction.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the disease state is diabetes.

21. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1.